(b) whether the programme is implemented in Goa also;

(c) if so, the financial assistance given and activities undertaken by the State Government or Non-Governmental Organization, under the programme; and

(d) if the answer to part (b) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) The Prime Minister's New 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities is implemented throughout the country, including Goa.

(c) The schemes included in the New 15-Point Programme are Centrally sponsored schemes which are operated by the Central Ministries/Departments concerned. The programme provides for earmarking of 15% of targets and outlays under schemes included in the programme and considered amenable to earmarking. The details of the schemes are available on the website of the Ministry at *www.minorityaffairs.gov.in*. Financial assistance is provided to States/UTs as per the guidelines of the concerned scheme.

(d) Does not arise.

Inclusion of minority dominated districts of Rajasthan in welfare schemes

1784. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the welfare of minorities ninety minority-dominated districts in the country have been selected but none from Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the criteria of their selection;

(c) wehther Rajasthan State Commission for minorities has recommended for inclusion of two districts, Jaisalmer and Sriganganagar, on the basis of population, social/economic backwardness; and

(d) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Minority concentration districts have been identified on the basis of both concentration of minority population and the relative backwardness of the districts *vis-a-vis* the national average in respect of socio-economic and basic amenities paramters.

Sriganganagar qualifies in terms of population but the indices of its socio-economic and basic amenities parameters are above the national average. As far as Jaisalmer district is concerned, it does not qualify in terms of the population criteria.

The Chairman, Rajasthan State Commission for Minorities has been informed suitably.

New and renewable energy generation in Punjab

1785. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of energy produced in Punjab through new and renewable energy sources during the last three years ending the 31st December, 2007, year-wise; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to further enhance the productivity of energy through this process and the investment proposed to be made in this scheme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) As per the information provided by Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), around 77.73 million units, 109.35 million units and 128.83 million units of electricity were produced through renewable power projects in Punjab during the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 respectively. This apart, a large number of decentralized renewable energy systems/devices have also contributed to conservation of conventional energy.

(b) The State Government has planned to achieve 10% contribution to total power generation in the State through renewable energy sources by 2012. Year-wise details of the proposed enhancement of renewable energy and corresponding estimated investment during the Eleventh Plan, are given in the Statement.

Statement

Year-wise details of the proposed enhancement of renewable energy and corresponding estimated investment during the Eleventh Plan in Punjab

Sl. No.	Year	Proposed enhancement of production of energy (MU)	Tentative Investment (Rs. in crores)
1.	2007-2008	105.45	426.60
2.	2008-2009	141.31	688.13
3.	2009-2010	373.00	1577.00
4.	2010-2011	191.71	1875.39
5.	2011-2012	105.12	589.20
	TOTAL:	916.59	5156.32

Setting up of National Bio-fuel Development Board

1786. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is planning to set-up National Bio-fuel Development Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the incentives Government is providing to farmers engaged in the production of biofuel crops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) Under the Allocation of Business Rules, the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy has been given the responsibility of setting up of a National Bio-fuel Development Board. The proposal for setting up of the Board including its draft Terms of Reference and composition has been submitted for necessary approvals.